

The listing of the claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended). Scraper blade holding device, which comprises a cover plate and a base plate, wherein the cover plate and the base plate are pivotable relative to one another about an axis ~~relative to one another~~, characterised in that the ~~axis is~~ formed by a bearing tube (5), wherein finger devices are fastened to the cover plate in the front region of the cover plate, the bearing tube (5) is a component of the base plate (6) and the bearing tube (5) is arranged in the end region of the base plate facing the finger devices (3) ~~which is a component of the base plate (6) and is arranged in an end region of the base plate.~~

Claim 2 (currently amended). Scraper blade holding device according to claim 1, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the cover plate (2) is connected with a slotted square tube (4) and the bearing tube (5) is positioned within the square tube (4) and rotatable relative thereto.

Claim 3 (currently amended). Scraper blade holding device according to claim 2, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the cover plate (2) together with the square tube (4) fastened thereto is withdrawable from the base plate (6) in axial direction.

Claim 4 (currently amended). Scraper blade holding device according to ~~one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the base plate (6) is contacted by a shoe (10) which is provided for reception of the cover plate (2) and within which the cover plate is mounted to be displaceable in axial direction.

Claim 5 (currently amended). Scraper blade holding device according to claim 4, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the shoe (10) together with the cover plate (2) is pivotable relative to the base plate (6), wherein the base plate has a boundary wall (9) within which slots (13) extending in radial direction are provided, rivets (12) connected with a slide surface (11) of the shoe (10) being guided through the slots.

Claim 6 (currently amended). Scraper blade holding device according to claim 5, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the base plate (6) is of U-shaped construction and has two short and one

long boundary walls, wherein one short boundary wall (9) has the slots (13) and the other short boundary wall has, in its end region, the bearing tube (5).

Claim 7 (currently amended). Scraper blade holding device according to claim 6, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the long boundary wall is provided at its inner side with a plastics material insert (7).

Claim 8 (currently amended). Scraper blade holding device according to ~~one of claims 4 to 7, characterised in that~~ wherein a spring (8) is arranged in the inner region of the base plate (6) between the base plate and the shoe (10).

Claim 9 (currently amended). Scraper blade holding device according to ~~one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein a part of the cover plate (2), the square tube (4), the base plate (6) and the shoe (10) form a substantially dust-tight unit.

Claim 10 (currently amended). Scraper blade holding device according to ~~one of claims 1 to 3, characterised in that~~ wherein it comprises a first spring plate (16), one end region of which

is fastened to the base plate (6) and the other end region of which is supported on the cover plate (2).

Claim 11 (currently amended). Scraper blade holding device according to claim 10, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein it comprises a second spring plate (18) which bridges over the region between the end of the boundary wall (9) of the base plate (6) and the cover plate (2).

Claim 12 (currently amended). Scraper blade holding device according to claim 11, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein one end region of the second spring plate (18) is fixedly connected with the cover plate (2) and the other end region of the second spring plate (18) is supported at the outer side of the boundary wall (9) of the base plate (6).

Claim 13 (currently amended). Scraper blade holding device according to ~~one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein it comprises an adapter strip (17) which is fixedly connected with the first spring plate (16) and/or the base plate (6) and on which the outer side, which is remote from the cover plate (2), of the first spring plate (16) and/or the base plate (6) is positioned.

Claim 14 (currently amended) . Scraper blade holding device according to ~~one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, characterised ~~in that~~ wherein a hose (14) is arranged in the inner region of the base plate (6) between the base plate and the cover plate (2) .

Claim 15 (currently amended). Scraper blade holding device according to ~~one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, characterised ~~in that~~ wherein a finger device (3) is fastened to the cover plate (2) and an end region of the scraper blade (1) is insertable between the cover plate (2) and the finger device (3) in axial direction.

Claim 16 (cancelled) .